

February 17, 1994 LB 600

the E & R amendments be adopted.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed. E & R amendments are adopted. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment or motion I have with respect to LB 600 is by Senator Chambers. He would move to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Elmer would have the option to lay the bill over.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Mr. Speaker, I'd move that we take up the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, we will take up the bill. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the death penalty is an issue with which I've been concerned, even prior to my becoming a member of this Legislature. I want the record to be clear that I am opposed to the state killing anybody for any reason. Whatever the crime, whoever the victim, whoever the perpetrator, I remain adamantly opposed to the death penalty being inflicted by the state, regardless of the form it would take, with one exception, and I'm going to ask Senator Elmer a question and he may, if he gives an affirmative answer, remove my objection to this bill. Senator Elmer, are you on the floor? Would you answer a question?

SENATOR ELMER: Certainly, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If...would you allow me to add an additional alternative which would be available for a condemned person to choose, and that method of dying would be old age, which I would support?

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Chambers, I'm sure you know the answer to that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, no, I'm not a mind reader.

SENATOR ELMER: Negative.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That means you're against that?